



## Meet REL Midwest at Learning Point Associates

REL Midwest at Learning Point Associates is one of 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Under the direction of Matt Dawson, Ph.D., REL Midwest serves the educational needs of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Learning Point Associates has operated the region's educational laboratory since 1984.

REL Midwest conducts both short-term applied research and development projects and long-term research studies based on regional needs. Reports that result from short-term projects are available as two ongoing Web-based series—*Issues & Answers* and *REL Technical Briefs*. Both undergo external peer review to ensure that they meet IES standards for scientifically based research before being published on the regional educational laboratory website. To browse and download all REL publications, visit the website ([ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs](http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs)). Beginning in 2009, REL Midwest will conduct events at which experts bring evidence to practitioners. These events will help ensure that IES and REL research gets to the field and that practitioners and policymakers have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of evidence-based research. *For additional information, please contact Peggie Garcia by e-mail ([peggie.garcia@learningpt.org](mailto:peggie.garcia@learningpt.org)) or telephone (312-288-7642).*

We also deliver technical assistance tailored to specific local needs as part of our federally funded work. For example, REL Midwest can help schools and districts analyze their existing data in order to base school improvement decisions on the best available evidence. By working closely with other service providers funded by the U.S. Department of Education, we can help schools, districts, and states identify and interpret scientifically valid research that will support implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act. ***To discuss ideas for technical assistance with a member of our staff, e-mail us at [relmidwest@learningpt.org](mailto:relmidwest@learningpt.org) or call us at 866-730-6735.***

### About Learning Point Associates

Learning Point Associates—with offices in Chicago; Naperville, Illinois; New York; and Washington, D.C.—is a nonprofit education organization with more than 20 years of direct experience working with and for educators and policymakers to transform educational systems and student learning. The national and international reputation of Learning Point Associates is built on a solid foundation of conducting rigorous and relevant education research and evaluation; analyzing and synthesizing education policy trends and practices; designing and conducting client-centered evaluations; delivering high-quality professional services; and developing and delivering tools, services, and resources targeted at pressing education issues.

Learning Point Associates manages a diversified portfolio of work ranging from direct consulting assignments to major federal contracts and grants, including REL Midwest, the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality, Great Lakes East Comprehensive Center, Great Lakes West Comprehensive Center, and The Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement.

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